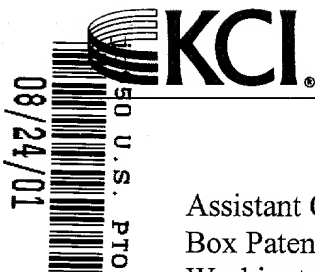


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Attorney Docket No.	VAC.715
First Inventor	BOYNTON, Thomas
Title	Vacuum Assisted Tissue Treatment System
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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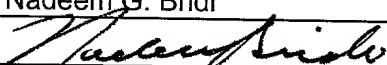
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106	206	320	160	Design filing fee	
107	207	490	245	Plant filing fee	
108	208	710	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	214	150	75	Provisional filing fee	

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
36	-20** = 16.00	X 18.00	= 288.00
5	-3** = 2	X 80.00	= 160.00
Multiple Dependent		0.00	= 0.00

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103	203	18	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	202	80	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	204	270	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	209	80	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	210	18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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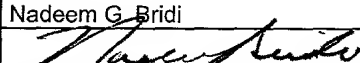
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127	227	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	239	130	130	Non-English specification	
147	247	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	212	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	213	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	215	110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	216	390	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	217	890	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	218	1,390	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	228	1,890	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	219	310	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	220	310	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	221	270	135	Request for oral hearing	
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140	240	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	241	1,240	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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126	226	180	180	Submission of information Disclosure Stmt	
581	281	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	246	710	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	249	710	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
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Other fee (specify) _____

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